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Comptroller

17 October 1951

Finance Division

Travel Expenses and Per Diem of New Employees.

1. Attached is our Memorandum, dated 17 October 1951, to various interested offices, pertaining to the above subject requesting a meeting to consider a proposed solution to the problem presented therein.
2. In our opinion there is another aspect of this problem which should be reviewed by appropriate officials. This is the large number of employees who are receiving such payments and the number in relation thereto whose assignment is later changed to Washington, D. C., or where actual assignment abroad is considerably delayed.
3. In submitting this request, we do not imply impropriety but feel that the volume in numbers and dollar amounts should be called to your attention. The Finance Division, for example, employs many individuals for service abroad and in several cases has transferred such individuals to [REDACTED] (temporarily or permanent) after payment of per diem upon administrative determination that such action was necessary under the circumstances and was for the convenience and benefit of the Agency.
4. Under the circumstances we recommend an independent survey and report on this matter and request that the Fiscal Inspector, or other individual designated by the Comptroller be assigned. Necessary records are readily available in the Finance Division.

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Acting Chief, Finance Division

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